

A STREET CORNETIST.

Thrown Out of Steady Employment and Forced to Do the "street Act"-Bits of Experience-Class of Costomers-The

What Brooklynite happening in the vicinity of the city half daily has failed to notice a tall, well-dressed individual carrying a cornet under his arm! If the observer be curious and take the palms to watch the owner of the cornet he will find that musician, for such he is, will take a position in Fulton street, be-tween Adams street and Myrtle avenue, and after many flourishes will play the opening notes of some popular melody of the day. A reporter, in company with a score of idlers, listened to the street musician while he performed selections from the "Mikado" and "La Traviata." The impromptu concert was not confined to popular music, by any menus, When the cornelist had worked the block for all it was worth he made his way to a neigh-boring salson, where he was found by the reporter scated at a table, quaffing a glass of beer with apparent relish. He said:

TREING THE "STREET ACT." "Two years ago I was a member of a thea-ter orchestra in New York, but losing my position and being at my wits' ends to carn a living, I concluded to try the 'street act.'
Does it pay? Well, yes; although I suppose
a steady job would pay better. When in an
orchestra I received 830 per week, but in the
summer I have made nearly twice that sum
in the in the same space of time. Thave just returned from a tour of the watering places. In Saratoga I passed two weeks, during which I made 855. I put up at a cleap boarding home and saved my money. At Long Branch I didn't do so well, but managed to pay expenses. Sirect cornet playing is no novelty, but yet many men seem to make a fair living at it,"

"Are all street mosicians artists." "Not by any means. The larger part of the violinists, largests and cornelists playing in the street are 'hamfats.' But two street cornelists whem I know ever played in or-chestras. While I find throughly files very generous I always make more money in Well-street. For the past two months I have visited Wall, New and Broad streets almost daily. The brokers having nothing to do in the summer congregate on the sidewalls and hall with delight the coming of the street cornectst. Sometimes in Wall street I have played to an nuclease of 200 brokers and their clerin. Morey? Well, I about think so. Last Friday I collected \$3 in twice that

The thought that his unsical qualities were at least appreciated on that occasion made allowed the reporter to "set on up again." Exhibiting his brass event, the street med clan continued: GIVES A REGULE VOLUME.

"I had that instrument specially made for me. You see it is larger than the erdinary cornet and gives a bigger volume of sound. It is necessary to have such an instrument for street purposes. The constant passing of trucks lessens the sound of the lower notes of the cornet, I seldom play anything of a classical nature unless requested to, although I am perfectly competent to do so. Beside, classical masic isn't popular. I find that old familiar songs and waltes are better appre-ciated, "Nancy Lee," "Home, Sweet Home," "Molly Darling," ned similar compositions never seen to the the people. In many of the peoper districts my cornet is enjoyed, I can tell you. My customers are not concan bell you. My customers are not con-fined to the wealthy. You smile when I say customers: Probably you think I don't have such things. I know of two little children living in Montague street who look forward to my coming each week with a great deal of pleasure. They save up their penales for me and I am always sure of a quarter and a hearty welcome in that street, at least.

*Am I married? Yes, and live in Brook-lyn. I support my wife and four children nicely from the carnings gained by my cor-net. The life of a street musician is an independent one. He can work when he pleases, and is not restricted as to his terri-When Brooklyn and the adjacent cities become unproductive, I propose to move my family to Chicago. I learn that the west has not as yet been visited by street cornetists. In rainy weather I stay home and help my wife tend the babies. The liquor stores are great temptations to street musicians. Many proprietors of liquor stores appreciate music, and seldom refuse to pat-ronize street musicians, but their appreciation shows itself in the shape of drinks and eigars, and not money. If a man is natu-rally inclined to drink, he will soon become a drunkard, if he accepts every drink offered him. In winter I don't make so much money as in the sammer, but manage to save enough during the warm weather to help me bridge over the cold."—Brooklyn Engle.

A Secker After Notoriety. The emperor's birthday was celebrated at

Vienna in a very old way by a seeker after notoriety. At midnight a man climbed to the top of the tower of St. Stephen's along the lightning conductor, and fixed there, half the lightning conductor, and used there, half a yard above the cross, between the wings of the eagle, a large black and yellow flag of over five yards in length. While ascending he passed the window of the fireman on the lockout, and the man was to startled that he called to his comrade. The man, however, said: "The quiet, Don't make a noise, I only want to place a flag arganoid St. Stephen in honer of our emperor's birtislay." Not-withstanding this reasouring statement, the terrified fellow alarmed the fire brigade, which root appeared upon the scene fully prepared for operations. After a while the man came safely down. Thousands and thousands of people stood around the tower the whole day looking up at the evidence of foodbandings 433 feet above the ground. The man, in ascending, placed the flag around his neck like a searf, and took two hours and a half to do the work.—Boston Transcript.

To Succeed the Japanese Craze. Somebody suggests making an American corner in a parior by using a Navajo blanket as a curtain for a neighboring door, setting Indian water jars in the corner with Zuni animals on the table, and arraying as using hous and arrows, head phines and baskets and as much wampum and lark work in the vicinity as one can collect. Why not? It has been said that Japan has been well high stripped of certain kinds of artistic produtions by eager Caucasian collectors. Now, if the ballom could be made to work by a demand for the things which he can make it would be one step on the way to civilization. -Boston Transcript.

Builted the Buggagestanshers. I have a sample case that weight 1,500 counds. The iron-bound trunk is filled with little icor toxes containing ink samples. I have lots of fun with it, because it is small and isnecent-looking, and is always picked out for a mark by happing-smashers. They approach in a fixless sort of manor, reach down to one of the handles, prepared to toss
it as if it were a value. The look of pamed
surprise that follows always makes me laugh.
All the old-thus hetel porters know the trunk,
and whorever I go it is used by them to take the conceit out of the new porter fond of ex-hibiting his dexterity. It costs nearly as much to carry that sample case around the country as it does to pay my own expenses.—Commer-cial Traveler in Globe-Democrat.

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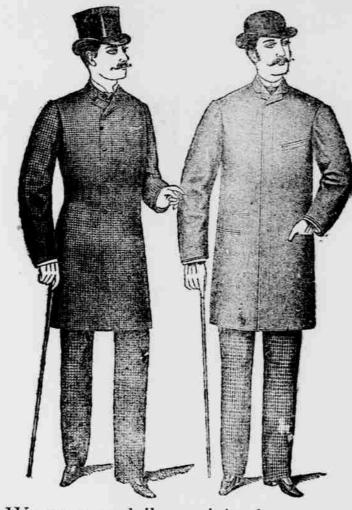
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